



Created by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in 2001, the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy works with leaders to secure America's future through quality education. Working at the intersection of policy and politics, the Hunt Institute connects leaders with the best strategies for developing and implementing policies and programs to improve public education.

To that end, the Institute convenes governors, policymakers, legislators, and business and civic leaders across the nation to provide them with the best information to make informed policy decisions. An affiliated center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Institute is a non-partisan, non-profit entity that does not lobby for, or take positions on, state and federal legislation.

# Education Initiatives

## **Cultivating Education Governors for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The Hunt Institute works to shape effective leaders for education — whether bringing together the nation's governors to help develop state-specific strategies, or assessing what it takes to be an education governor.

## **Engaging Disadvantaged Youth**

The Hunt Institute tracks integrated student services trends and educates policymakers about the link between these services and student success.

## **Improving Science Education**

The Hunt Institute annually convenes key leaders in North Carolina to promote national and state initiatives that enhance education for students as they prepare for competitive roles in the global workforce. This work is now expanding beyond North Carolina with the imminent creation of Next Generation Science Standards.

## **Shaping Rigorous, World-Class Education Standards**

The promise of consistent, shared and rigorous standards is now a reality for more than 45 states across the country. Four out of five young people across the country live in states that have voluntarily adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS are the foundation for an education system that demands excellent teaching, high-quality professional development, rigorous curricula, and dynamic assessments. The Hunt Institute supports states as they work to implement the systems necessary to realize the promise of the CCSS.

## **Future Initiatives**

Two significant new programs are under development: the first is to provide the same opportunity afforded by the North Carolina Legislators Retreat for deep learning around education issues to legislators from other states around the country and the second is to share learnings of successful education governors with rising state leaders.





The Governors Education Symposium brings the nation's governors together to engage in candid dialogue about critical challenges facing education. Each session examines a variety of core education issues, incorporating information from nationally recognized experts. Governors have extensive opportunities during the Symposium to interact with these experts and share practices in their states.





## North Carolina Legislators Retreat

Since 2003, the North Carolina Legislators Retreat has brought together state legislators and national experts to discuss the most urgent issues facing public education in North Carolina. Each year legislators gather over the course of two days to discuss strategies for improving public education in the state.



## Hunt Institute Publications

### re: VISION

The Hunt Institute's newest publication, *re:VISION*, was known in its former incarnation as *Blueprint*. Each issue focuses on a critical issue in education policy, highlights key research for policymakers, and prompts discussion of solutions within states and across the nation.

re:VISION

### coNCepts

coNCepts is a state-specific policy primer of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy. Each issue focuses on a critical *topic* in education policy, highlights key research for North Carolina policymakers, and prompts discussion of solutions.

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### Did You Know

*Did You Know?* is the North Carolina education policy fact sheet of the James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy. Each issue provides legislators and other state policymakers with brief, jargon-free facts and figures about key education issues facing our state.

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